

CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Thursday, 13th October 2022
Report Subject	Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) update report
Cabinet Member	Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Education, Welsh Language, Culture and Leisure
Report Author	Chief Executive Chief Officer, Governance
Type of Report	Strategic

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Committee note the report and support the ongoing work to develop the regional CJC.
2	That the Committee notes the proposals for seconding the EAB Portfolio Director from the North Wales Economic Ambition Board into the CJC up to March 2023.

REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE PROGRESS MADE ON CJC
1.01	The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 gave Ministers the power to create a new type of regional body called a Corporate Joint Committee (CJC). Ministers have mandated the creation of four CJCs across Wales. They will each have the same four functions: economic well-being; preparing a Strategic Development Plan, transport and improving education. The precise governance arrangements for each CJC are to be settled by the body itself.
1.02	Cabinet received an update report on the 14 th December 2021 (attached at appendix 1) on the North Wales CJC which dealt in the main with transitional arrangements that needed to be progressed in order to set up the new CJC.
1.03	Since then progress has continued to be made in line with transitional plans and expectations and this report and more particularly the report at appendix 2 provides a detailed update on work to transfer the lead officer from the North Wales Economic Ambition Board into the CJC for a time limited period.
1.04	In addition, a letter at Appendix 3 from the Minister for Finance at Welsh Government provides an overview of a number of technical issues relating to vat, access to Prudential Borrowing and Corporation Tax noting that progress is being made in resolving these matters at Ministerial level.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	The regional local authorities to the CJC each contribute an amount (a levy) to the CJC to cover the costs of managing and running the CJC. The contribution for financial year 2022/23 is £81,150.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT				
3.01	The inability to second into the post will lead to delays in the implementation and transition work streams of the CJC. Work to mitigate this has been undertaken through decision and subsequent agreement of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB) to support the secondment from the NWEAB into the CJC.				
3.02	<p>Ways of Working (Sustainable Development) Principles Impact</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Long term</td> <td>No impact</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Prevention</td> <td>No impact</td> </tr> </table>	Long term	No impact	Prevention	No impact
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Integration	Regional strategic planning will have a positive effect on integration
Collaboration	Greater regional working will have a positive effect on collaboration
Involvement	Regional working could be more remote and thus have a negative effect on involvement
Well-being Goals and impact	
Prosperous Wales	Regional strategic plans should positively benefit prosperity
Resilient Wales	Regional strategic plans should positively benefit resilience
Healthier Wales	No impact
More equal Wales	Improved regional transport should positively impact socio economic equality
Cohesive Wales	No impact
Vibrant Wales	No impact
Globally responsible Wales	No impact

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	The North Wales Economic Ambition Board was consulted on the content of the reports at appendix 1 and 3.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.01	<p>Appendix 1 – Previous report to Cabinet, December 2021</p> <p>Appendix 2 – Report to the North Wales Economic Ambition Board relating to the secondments of the NWEAB Portfolio Director to the CJC for a time limited period.</p> <p>Appendix 3 – Letter from the Minister for Finance relating to outstanding matters regarding CJs.</p>

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	All as included within this report.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
7.01	<p>Contact Officer: Neal Cockerton, Chief Executive</p> <p>Telephone: 01352 702101</p> <p>E-mail: chief.executive@flintshire.gov.uk</p>

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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	CJC - Regulations were made by the Welsh Government on 17 March 2021 creating four Corporate Joint Committees in Wales, and the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) was established on 1 April 2021. The CJC must exercise functions relating to strategic development planning and regional transport planning, and are also be able to promote economic well-being.